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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON  
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Richard B. Streeter et al.  
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Title: INTRAVASCULAR FILTER WITH DEBRIS  
ENTRAPMENT MECHANISM  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 3, please replace the previous reference to related patent application with the following reference to related applications:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/896,258, filed 06/29/2001 by Richard B. Streeter et al. for INTRAVASCULAR FILTER WITH DEBRIS ENTRAPMENT MECHANISM, which in turn claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/215,542, filed 06/30/00 by Richard B. Streeter et al. for INTRAVASCULAR FILTER WITH DEBRIS ENTRAPMENT MECHANISM, which patent application is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/231,101, filed 09/08/00 by Richard B. Streeter et al. for INTRAVASCULAR FILTER WITH DEBRIS ENTRAPMENT MECHANISM. --

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